

McKinney-Vento Homeless Program

The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program, which is administered by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, indicates that State Educational Agencies (SEAs) must ensure that homeless children and youths have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as is provided to other children and youths. The SEA and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) in the State must review and revise any laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as barriers to the identification, enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youths. Homeless students must also have access to the education and other services that they need to meet the same challenging State academic standards to which all students are held.

Eligibility

Students might qualify for assistance through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act if your family lives in the following:

- In an emergency or transitional shelter
- In a motel/hotel or campground due to no other viable accommodations being available
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus/train station
- Share housing with other people due to loss of housing, financial difficulty, or other similar hardships
- Your family lacks a fixed, regular, and/or adequate nighttime residence

Who can I contact regarding my child's education?

1. Every school district has a homeless education liaison.
 - Nicole McCoy (Counselor) and Kristie Brown (Nurse) are the liaisons for Raccoon Grade School. Their contact information is listed below:
 - Nicole McCoy - nmccoy@raccoonschool.org - (618) 532-7329 ext. 1106
 - Kristie Brown - kbrown@raccoonschool.org - (618) 532-7329 ext. 1123
2. Talk with your child's teacher once enrolled in school. Maintain regular communication (in person meetings, phone, email, etc.) to discuss your child's academic progress.
3. Meet with our school counselor, Mrs. Nicole McCoy, to discuss interventions and services available to assist your child with any challenges they are facing.
4. All district staff are McKinney Vento trained, care about your child, and can provide valuable assistance. Please reach out to them as needed with any questions or concerns.